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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Docket 92-235

To Whom It May Concern,

Our agency is very concerned about the impact that FCC Docket 92-235 will have on the smaller communities and rural areas in Oregon.

Listed below are just a few of our concerns regarding the above listed docket:

1) Distance and Terrain:

Ours is a small community covering over 3,200 square miles. Included in our territory are the Snake River and Hells Canyon. Your docket 92-235 would create a problem in radio transmissions to these areas and other places in our community, and would not be cost effective if we had to reduce our wattage and place repeaters in prominent locations throughout our County to reach the main office.

2) Repeater Placement:

Where are we to put all the new repeaters that would become necessary under your docket. Private land owners are not going to be very receptive to placement on their land.

3) Cost:

This perhaps is the most important. One-hundred percent replacement of our existing equipment would break our budget and that of many other small communities throughout Oregon.

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If enacted, it would be necessary to allow waivers for small counties and isolated areas, making them exempt from the requirements in Docket 92-235.

In closing, I am against this docket. I see the problems existing in the larger metropolitan and urban areas, not in the smaller, isolated counties of Oregon. FCC needs to look at this and develop a solution that solves the problems in the urban areas. All this docket will do is force the smaller areas in our state to spend money they don't have to correct a problem that has no bearing on them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan C. Dack".